

AGENDA
CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2007
GARDEN CENTER BUILDING
4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the September 12, 2007 regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pinnacle Press
2. Winter Unity Walk Details

NEW BUSINESS:

1. American Red Cross requesting to use Stadium Park on Sunday, June 22, 2008, to hold their annual "Red Cross Duck Race"
2. Retirement changes for City Employees
3. Director requesting permission to allow the trapping of muskrat and racoon in the Park System for the 2007-2008 season

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER, 2007

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, October 10, 2007, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Ms. Marilyn Thomas Jones, Vice President; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

At this time a motion was made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2007 regular meeting as written. A second was made by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion then passed.

President Black took note of guests and asked if any wanted to address the Board. Councilmember Carbenia addressed the Board and gave them an update on the Mallonn Park development. He stated that several labor unions had donated time, operators, iron workers and carpenters already. He also stated the finishers and painters would be doing so later. Mr. Carbenia mentioned that Diano Concrete had donated some concrete and had agreed to sell more at a reduced price and that Ohio Tube had donated sonnet tubes to the project. Mr. Carbenia also commended the Director and the Assistant Director and the crew of the Park System for their efforts.

He also informed the Board that a get together was being planned for October 26th at the park and invited the Board members to attend.

Also discussed was the possibility of a new fire station building being located at Playground D. Mr. Carbenia stated he did believe the station was to be built there.

The Board also recognized Ms. Keely Laughlin, a Central Catholic High School senior, who was at the meeting to observe a public meeting as a school assignment.

Park Commission Member Lon Winberry arrived and joined the meeting at this point.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pinnacle Press - The Director reported that he was still waiting for the Law Department to get back with him on an agreement so no new information was available at this time.
2. Winter Unity Walk Details - The Board reviewed the details submitted by Ms. McIlwain and then a motion was made by A. Black to give final approval to the request with an insurance requirement. A second was made by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion then passed by unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. American Red Cross requesting to use Stadium Park on Sunday, June 22, 2008, to hold their annual "Red Cross Duck Race" The Board reviewed this request, and Mr. Black made a motion to approve it with an insurance requirement. Mr. L. Winberry provided a second, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.
2. Retirement changes for City Employees - The Director reported this issue was still in committee at City Council so there was no action to take at this time.
3. Director requesting permission to allow the trapping of muskrat and racoon in the Park System for the 2007-2008 season - The Board discussed this request and the potential liability issues. Mr. A. Black then made a motion to approve the request. Mr. L. Winberry provided a second. The motion passed with the following vote: Mr. Black - Yes, Ms. Thomas Jones - No, Mr. Winberry - Yes.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Use Requests:
 - A. Buckeye Council BSA requesting to use Crenshaw Park, June 15 thru June 18, 2008, to hold a Scout camp.
 - B. Plain Township Baseball and Softball Association requesting to use the Covered Bridge and Oak Park ballfields in August and September 2008, for fall ball.

A motion to approve both requests with an insurance requirement on Request A, was made by A. Black. A second was provided by M. Thomas Jones, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

2. The Director informed the Board that a donation to the Stark County Veterans Memorial fund had been received from the family of Mr. John W. Bluman. Mr. Bluman has recently passed away. He was a World War II veteran and had a brick at the Memorial.

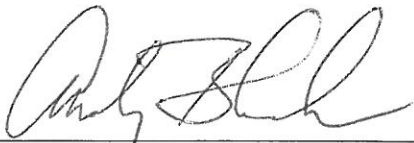
The Board instructed the Director to prepare a letter of thanks for their signature.

3. The Board discussed a copy of a letter sent to Service Director Concatto by Councilmember West regarding the Park System's lay down storage area in Nimisilla Park.

Also discussed was the continuing problem with the Midget Football program. No action was taken.

4. The Director informed the Board that he had been receiving assessment estimates from the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District. He stated he had received 27 notices for almost \$2000. He told the Board that he had been in contact with the Law Director and the Budget Director with regard to the issue as these funds were not in the 2008 budget request.
5. The Director informed the Board that the possible new park in Pike Township was still in the works, and he would be attending a zoning meeting in Pike Township on October 18, 2007.
6. The Director informed the Board that two bridge projects would begin on October 15. The new bridges are a part of the countywide trail in Stadium and Ink Parks and the refurbishing of the tennis court bridge in Stadium Park were all scheduled to begin on that date.
7. Ms. Thomas Jones requested that more information about the Board and the meetings be put in the Canton Quarterly Magazine and that she would fill in for the Board President at Planning Commission meetings when he is unable to attend.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.



Andy Black
President



Douglas Perry
Director/Secretary